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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

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: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINTING A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL

PLANARIZATION PROCESS

Box RCE Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated October 17, 2002.

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, from January 17, 2003, to February 17, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$860, which includes \$110 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 80, and amend claim 68 as follows: